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FASCISTS ORGANIZING THIRD PARTY

Lindbergh, Wheeler and Coughlin to be Among Leaders;
Party to Use America First Committee Apparatus

The Hour is reliably informed that key U. S. fascists are working toward the formation of a third party based on the followers of the America First Committee and using its framework. The native Quislings say the Democratic and the Republican Parties have bankrupted themselves in the eyes of the American people and the country is now ready for a new political party.

The groundwork for the political apparatus will soon be established by the America First Committee. Orders are about to be issued to AFC locals throughout the country that all branches are to be reorganized according to congressional districts.

The new party is to advance a program of "Peace and Prosperity." The movement will be strongly anti-alien and, less obviously, anti-labor. It will have nationalistic slogans like "America for Americans." At first it will not be openly anti-Semitic; but Jew-baiting will be unofficially encouraged among members and will be an important part of its program. Ultimately, according to one of the potential leaders in the movement, this third party "will rally the American people to its ranks by showing that the Jews got us into this war and brought economic chaos to our country."

No name has been selected as yet for the movement, although America First Party is said to be under consideration.

Leadership

Ex-Colonel Lindbergh, Senator Wheeler and Father Charles Coughlin are scheduled to play an important role in the fascist third party. On April 26, in an article describing the "appeasement movement being used on a nation-wide scale to coordinate the stormtroop forces in this country," we stated that Lindbergh was providing the leadership and Coughlin, a large portion of the mass base. It is fundamentally this movement which is about to assume the form of a political party.

Father Coughlin indicated the political role of the Committee when he stated in the April 28 issue of Social Justice, "It is the same

Committee which all non-interventionists should join in the hope of saving this country from the destructionists -- the New Deal interventionists."

The Royal Oak priest is devoting an increasing amount of space in his publication to propagandizing for the America First Committee and attempting to recruit more members to its ranks. In each of the two most recent issues of Social Justice, the entire back page is given over to editorials publicizing the Committee. The editorials include these statements:

"For some time, the America First Committee has been the only outlet through which the 82 per cent of Americans who do not want war could express themselves."

"Were it not for the America First Committee, the messages in favor of peace -- messages delivered particularly by Senator Wheeler and Colonel Lindbergh -- would not have been broadcast to the nation. No other spontaneous organization in the entire history of this country has contributed such substantial and needed service during a crucial period."

"If, in labor unions, Catholic and Protestant, Socialist and non-Socialist, can stand shoulder to shoulder to demand their God-given rights, a fortiori in this national union represented by America First, Catholics and Protestants, Socialists and non-Socialists must stand side by side -- to save this country, its Constitution, resources, wealth and manhood, from being dissipated and dissolved."

[Note the qualifications of "Aryanism"]

Coughlin and his fellow conspirators intend to see that this "spontaneous organization," this "national union," duplicates in this country the achievements of the National Socialist Party in Germany; and the Royal Oak priest evidently counts on being the American Goebbels to Fuehrer Lindbergh.

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CHICAGOAN URGES APPLICATION OF NAZI DOCTRINES IN U. S.

The latest propaganda effort of Newton Jenkins, midwest Naziphile, is a book entitled I've Got The Remedy. The 256-page volume is replete with anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi theories, which the author feels should immediately be put into practice in the United States. According to Jenkins, Jews are to blame not only for this country's national emergency but also for critical conditions existing throughout the rest of the world. America's problems are growing, says Jenkins, because "a vast proportion of the opportunities which our country affords have been seized by the Jews and taken away from the American people"; therefore a plan must be devised for taking away from the "racial minority those opportunities of which our children were disinherited." The ultimate "remedy," as Jenkins sees it, can only come with the complete extirpation of the Jewish people.

Jenkins as Nazi Agent

Newton Jenkins, who lives at 4420 Cullum Avenue, Chicago, has been acting as a Nazi propagandist for some time. Shortly after Hitler's rise to

power, Jenkins began cooperating with Nazi elements in the midwestern states. He spoke for the German-American Bund and other fascist groups; he promoted anti-Semitic organizations and publications. On December 9, 1935, in a speech made at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, he said: "It is a lucky thing for the world that Hitler is on the job in Europe. I look upon him as one of the greatest statesmen in the world today and I am firmly of the opinion that false propaganda which saturates our country against him and his nation does not express the sober judgment of the American people."

While assisting in the formation of the fascist movement in Chicago, Jenkins conducted a vigorous propaganda campaign on behalf of Hitler and Mussolini. In his Third Party News of October, 1935, he wrote: "On every hand we hear the expression that 'we need a Hitler in America.' ... Mussolini and Hitler stepped out of the ranks and saved their countries. Perhaps the same thing will take place in America." In his American Nationalism of January, 1937, Jenkins printed such headlines as "World Indebted to Mussolini," and "Stop Boycotting Germany." Early in 1939 he published a booklet, The Republic Reclaimed, which recommended establishing a fascist state in America. This booklet originally sold for one dollar. Shortly after its publication Jenkins took a trip to Germany. When he returned, the price of the booklet dropped to 25 cents.

Jenkins' Hopes for Hitler Victory

When a representative from The Hour interviewed Jenkins in November, 1939, the Chicago fascist told him that the Jews were to blame for the war, and that within five years Jews would be hanged on Halsted Street in Chicago as well as in Union Square in New York.

In March, 1940, Jenkins declared, "Hitler will win because he ought to win." This comment was included in a public statement issued from Jenkins' Chicago office. The German-American Bund's newspaper, Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, reprinted the statement in full in its issue of March 21.

Today, with the victories that have been achieved by the Nazi military forces, Newton Jenkins feels extremely optimistic about Hitler's ultimate success. He believes that great awards await Nazis not only in Europe but throughout the world. And he is acting accordingly.

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UKRAINIAN FASCISTS AND ARMS CACHE

On June 13 William Piznak was arrested in New York City on a charge of violating the Sullivan Law. Police had found a virtual arsenal in the basement storeroom of his residence at 225 East Ninety-fifth Street. Two machine guns, tear gas grenades, rifles, sets of brass knuckles, a trench knife and 1,112 rifle cartridges of assorted sizes were among the weapons discovered by detectives of the sabotage squad. William Piznak explained to the police that he was a "collector of relics."

When Piznak was arraigned in court, his case was adjourned as Assistant District Attorney Harold X. McGowan disclosed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was concerned with the affair. Mr. McGowan stated: "The F.B.I. is interested in connection with an investigation of subversive activities."

Brother Michael Piznak

The Hour learns that William Piznak is the brother of Michael Piznak, lawyer for the Ukrainian Nationalist Association and intimate of members of the ODWU, fascist-terrorist Organization for the Rebirth of the Ukraine.

Michael Piznak's activities in connection with the Ukrainian fascist movement in this country are by no means limited to the field of law. At the Ukrainian Nationalist Association Convention at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, May 12-17, Piznak was elected chairman of the proceedings. Vice-chairman was Nazi-sympathizer John Koos, whose work as a professional labor spy has won him a prominent position in Harry Bennett's "service department" at the Ford Motor Company. (In 1937 Koos played host in Detroit to Danylo Skoropadsky, Nazi-Ukrainian agent and good-will emissary from the German War Office; after Skoropadsky departed, Koos cabled his warm regards to Der Fuehrer.) The UNA Convention in Harrisburg was well-attended by ODWU members, and this fact may account for Piznak's being elected chairman.

Michael Piznak works closely with many of the leaders in the Ukrainian fascist movement in the United States. One of his associates is Luke Mysnuha, who two years ago spoke in Berlin over the Nazi-controlled radio network and who recently published in his newspaper Svoboda a series of articles giving detailed instructions on the making of bombs and other explosives. (See The Hour for February 8.) Another of Michael Piznak's contacts is Theodore Wozniak, whose connection with the famed Black Tom explosion is a matter of public record. A third is Ivan Baran, who was linked with Wozniak in the Black Tom case.

On August 22, 1940, The Hour received a letter from Michael Piznak complaining that we had libeled the Ukrainian Nationalist Association. In a previous article we had named four "mysterious individuals" serving on the executive board of the UNA: Omar Malytzky, A. Kibzey, Stephen Kuropas, and Roman Smuk. Attorney Piznak objected to our use of the word "mysterious." We answered Piznak's objection by printing in The Hour certain facts about the four Ukrainians mentioned; two of them had sent congratulatory cables to Adolf Hitler and the other two maintained close contact with Nazi-Ukrainian agents. We did not hear again from Piznak on this subject -- although he not infrequently confides to his friends he is "keeping an eye on The Hour."

Michael Piznak claims he is a loyal American citizen and boasts of his presidency of a Ukrainian Democratic Club. But his "patriotic" inclinations can perhaps be judged by statements such as the one he made at a meeting of Ukrainians in Belvedere Park, July 1, 1938: "Now Hitler calls the youth to organize. Now also, Mussolini calls the youth to organize. And now we, the Ukrainian Nationalists, too, must call the youth to organize."

In connection with the arrest of William Piznak because of weapons and ammunition concealed in his house, it may be significant that until recently Michael Piznak's address was listed in the Manhattan Telephone Directory as 225 East Ninety-fifth Street. This is the residence where the suspicious arsenal was discovered. Michael Piznak moved shortly before the arrest took place.

The Hour recommends that the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigate Michael Piznak, as well as his brother.